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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 10, 2002, the applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.312.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Clean copies of amended claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 follow:

1. (Amended) An evaporator comprising:
  - a container in which a cooling medium is applied; and
  - a plurality of heat exchanger tubes arranged in the container in a bundled manner to form a flow passage through which a fluid to be cooled flows so as to evaporate the cooling medium by heat exchange between the cooling medium and the fluid to be cooled;

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